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It is proposed to erect a hospital in New York for the cure of tobacco chewers and smokers.

The height of a Pi-Ute's ambition is to marry a woman with a winter's store of dried grasshoppers.

Four boys, who lately started from Phil- adelphia, with revolvers and a capital of \$700, for the purpose of becoming bandits the plains, were arrested and sent home to their mothers.

A tavern-keeper in Bremen, Austria, had his servant girl arrested for guzzling twenty-three bottles of his beer in one evening. Her excuse was, that she had been very hungry.

Among the many articles of value which Treasurer Spinner has charge of, in the vaults of the Treasury, is a large bottle of attar of roses, presented to President Van Buren by the King of Siam, valued at \$300.

Among the regimental flags captured by the Germans at Metz, and which are deposited in the arsenal at Berlin, are several bearing the inscriptions of Marengo, Wagram, Lutten and Solferino.

The New Orleans Picayune says: "The experiment by Gen. Beauregard, President of the Carrollton Railroad Company, of the traction system for propelling street cars was satisfactory. The car ran to and fro very smoothly indeed, being made to go fast or slow at will. It remains to be seen whether the system will work on a long line with a large number of cars."

The Alabama Muddle.
The conflict of jurisdiction in our neighboring State of Alabama, is at last ended. Ex-Gov. Smith yields quiet possession of the gubernatorial office to Gov. Lindsay, and now everything is joyful and harmoniously "down in Alabama."

We congratulate the country upon this peaceful solution of a complication which, at one time, seemed fraught with great evil.

It was the voice of the people expressed powerfully, but firmly, which checked Mr. Smith in his dangerous course.

The day has gone by when any consid- erable portion of the community will sanction appropriation of power or military interference with popular elections, and all the frantic efforts of the radical politicians to avert the inevitable doom, only serve to speed its coming. It is probable that the secession of Mr. Smith has weakened the radical party in Alabama by more than 10,000 votes.—Chattanooga Times.

An English Nobleman as Mate of a Yankee Schooner.

Application has been made to the Collector of Customs at Boston, by an attorney now stopping in that city, asking permission to take from the files of the custom-house the original shipping articles of the schooner Hera, to be used in determining a very important question pending in Great Britain.

It is stated that George H. Osborne, whose signature appears in the list as mate of that vessel, is known to have been the Earl of Aberdeen. The title to large estates and to a seat in the House of Lords, in favor of his brother, depends upon this identity of the person lost with the late Earl, and this depends greatly upon proving the signature. The question of allowing the documents to pass from the custody of the Collector is now under consideration at the Treasury Department, and it is possible that the Government will allow the papers to pass out of its possession in order that judicial investigation may be made of them.

Butler and Schenck.
The defeat of General Schenck and the election of Roderick Random Butler were discussed in political circles, at Washington, as two curious incidents of the late election; one, the leader of the Republican majority of the House, the other the most unwelcome man to his party. What to do with Butler is giving great uneasiness, but an attempt will be made to unseat him in the present Congress, which will disqualify him for a seat in the next.

The defeat of General Schenck is attributed to certain imbrolios in the Internal Revenue service in Ohio, whereby General Vandewater was arrested upon charges of corruption, alleged to have been committed while a Collector of Internal Revenue.

This arrest operated largely to disaffect the soldier vote in Butler county, General Vandewater being very popular with his old comrades. As a consequence they voted the Democratic ticket, defeating General Schenck. This is believed to have been the result of a conspiracy to defeat General Schenck, promulgated by rival aspirants, for the Ohio Senatorship, and manipulated by the United States District Attorney at Cincinnati.

General Schenck's friends assert that he is satisfied his defeat was accomplished through the means alluded to, and they threaten a thorough and wholesome revenge. This will give the President a great deal of trouble, although Gen. Schenck is understood to be the coming man for the English mission, to be tendered as a peace offering to his friends.

How Billy Blobs Raised the Devil.

A physician prescribed "country air and sea-bathing," for the delicate Mrs. Blobs; so the Rev. Mr. B. sent his affectionate wife and "meek and lowly" Billy to Long Branch. The reverend gentleman told little Billy to write to him as soon as they were settled there. Truthful Billy sent the following epistle, without bothering his ma to read it first:

DEAR D-D-oy—It's awful nice here in the country, and ma and ma are having such jolly times. I think the nicest place in the world is a watering place, don't you, daddy? At first I felt awful lonesome without you, and says I to dear ma:

"When is pa coming from the city ma?"
"Never, I hope, Billy," says she, "your father's such a dry old stick, and we are much better without him."

Oh, daddy! you wouldn't know ma now if you hadn't seen her before—she's lookin' so well and young. She has taken to wearing such lots of hair and fine things; and our maid, Sally, says she doesn't look older than many a gal of seventeen. Ma's got a real splendid bean, too, with such moustaches and whiskers! Ma calls him Charlie. I call him a brick, because he gives me such lumps of candy. Sally says he's the beautifullest gentleman she ever saw.

The waiter fellows here are bully boys, Pa, and I get no end of stale tarts, pies and pound cake; besides bottled ale and tobacco. They are teaching me to play euchre, too, and I think it's a real nice game. Ma has no time to look after me; she's so taken up with dressing, dancing, and dear Charlie.

Oh, pa! I want to see you awful bad; but don't come yet—it would make ma so hopping mad. Please write soon, and don't forget to send me plenty of pocket money. A fellow can't do without "tin" here. Your affectionate son,

BILLY.
Billy's letter was accompanied by one from Mrs. Blobs, which read "thushy."

MY DEAREST HUSBAND—My health is a little better, thank the Lord, and I begin to enjoy the Sabbath-like peace of this splendid place. I miss you very much, and my thoughts are often with you; but, for the sake of your flock, I will not ask you to join me at present. Dear little Billy and the Bible are my usual companions, though, when I seek it, I find a good deal of religious society here. Are you lonely without me, dear husband? I hope not, for the fresh, invigorating air here is doing me more good than medicine, and if I could remain until September, I believe I might be restored to my former health.

Give my fondest love to the dear sisters of our church, and tell them I remember them in all my prayers. I read your soul-stirring sermon in Monday's Inquirer. It filled my heart with great peace and comfort.

With love and many kisses, I bid you adieu. Will write soon, again. Our Billy sends a note, which you will receive with this. Your loving wife,

LUCY BLOBS.
Mr. Blobs, in a state more easily imagined than described, left for Long Branch immediately after reading the above epistles. How Mrs. Blobs received her indignant lord and master, we don't know, but he brought her back to Gotham. Last Sunday she sat in her old pew at church, looking very meek and sorrowful. The pastor, Mr. Blobs, preached a very eloquent sermon.

South Carolina.
The piebald Legislature is now in session in Columbia, and Governor Scott (the Ohio doctor, as he is called), has been inaugurated for a second term. He was conducted to the chair by cadetship Whitmore, arm-in-arm, and the chaplain who offered the opening prayer made the ludicrous lapsus linguae of invoking God's blessing on R. K. Scott, who is now about to be inaugurated Governor of Ohio.

A general laugh instead of a loud amen attended this happy bit, when the person corrected the mistake by substituting South Carolina. In his message to the Legislature on the peace which prevails throughout the State, when he knew and they knew and the public knew that, while this was being read, the notorious Joe Crews, with authority from the Governor, was overrunning the up country with a thousand men, including six companies of Grant's troops, quartered among the people of Laurens and Union counties, arresting the best citizens, denying them the rights of habeas corpus, and shipping them by special trains, under military guard, to Columbia, where they are now confined. He also knew at the same time that armed bands of negro savages were burning barns, gin-houses and dwelling-houses; taking out and whipping men at night, and frightening helpless widow ladies and their children by volleys of musketry, and that he had taken no steps to protect the white inhabitants from these and other outrages.

And this he calls "peace!" Is there no irony there? In view of all the facts—not fancies—which the situation presents, the forbearance of the white men of this State is wonderful. And this, if nothing else, should commend them to the sympathies and interposing arm of the Northern people.

Bad Story on a Dashing Rebel Officer.

The quiet village of Allenton, on the Pacific railroad, has been thrown into a flutter of excitement, recently, by the strange conduct of a young gentleman named Mellon, who, for some time, has been paying attentions to a school-teacher of Allenton. Mellon was a dashing rebel officer, and served on the staff of General Forrest. The "school-marm" has been teaching for the past three years in Allenton, and resides with an aunt near the residence of Mr. Isaiah Brown. The parties became engaged, and the happy day was fixed. The school-teacher prepared her wedding attire, and invited her friends. The wedding guests arrived, but the bridegroom failed to come. He sent a letter stating that he had fallen from a wagon and hurt his foot. The disappointed guests dispersed, and the lady threw off her bridal trappings in disappointment and mortification. Shortly after this bridal fiasco, another day was set for the wedding, and again the bridegroom came up missing. A few days ago the guests again assembled to witness the "union of two willing hearts," but one of the hearts was beating at a distance, and the twain could not be linked together. There were friends from Ohio, who had come to see the young lady married, and they were sadly disappointed. The excuse this time, on the part of the young man, was that his foot was not well, and he could not get his boot on. Allenton is scandalized by these reported failures, and a committee of young ladies have debated the matter and come to the unanimous decision that Mellon "ought to be ashamed of himself—so he ought."

The Atlanta New Era, which aspired to be spicy and "modern" has the following: "A writer in the Louisville Courier-Journal declares that Booth did not act decently in that city, and charges it to his incompetent support" All of which happened three years ago last summer, says the Courier-Journal.

John B. Gough tells the following, though the joke be at his own expense:

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Points of Etiquette.
Don't speak of persons with whom you are slightly acquainted by their first name.

Irritability is a breach of good moral; as well as good manners. Gentle courtesy we owe to all.

Be punctual. It is always annoying to be kept waiting and often a serious detriment to one's business.

Jokes are dangerous things, to be used like gunpowder, with extreme caution.

If possible, always be at the station a few minutes before the cars start. Getting aboard after the train is in motion is not favorable to bodily safety, nor to that calmness of mind which leads us to act wisely.

Don't be disturbed if you find the best seats taken. As no one knew you were coming, of course, they did not reserve one.

Have your ticket in your hand. Conductors haven't always the time to wait till the portmanteau, pocket, and traveling bag are searched, before receiving it. We once saw a lady, when the conductor demanded her ticket, dive to the lowermost depth of her traveling bag, where she clutched something frantically, and, in blind haste, handed the waiting officer a fine tooth comb, supposing it to be her ticket, which she afterward found in the folds of her garments.

When a car is crowded, don't fill a seat with your bundles. True politeness is not amiss, even amid the confusion and bustle of a public conveyance. If an open window proves uncomfortable to another, you will close it.

Don't fidget with the hands or feet. Let alone the watch chain and necktie. Quiet ease, without stiffness, indicates genteel breeding.

Whispering in church is impolite. Besides showing disrespect to the speaker, it is extremely annoying to those who wish to hear. Coughing should be avoided as much as possible. Sleeping, with its frequent accompaniment, snoring, had better be done at home.

A Washington dispatch says: The election of General Logan to the Senate, from Illinois, in place of Yates, is regarded certain. Of 125 Republican members of the Illinois Legislature, 80 are claimed by Logan's friends as pledged to him. The remainder are claimed between Governor Palmer, General Oglesby and General Korner.